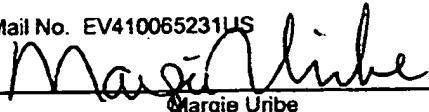
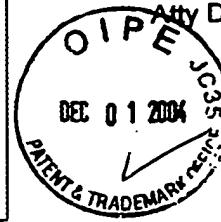


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 9, 2004, having a shortened three-month response period and for which an RCE is filed herewith, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.

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Claim 328 includes an outer centering ring and a spindle which is movable by a coil spring with respect to the outer centering ring. In contrast, Hummell element 66 moves with elements 36 and 38.

Claim 337 includes the outer centering ring encircling the centering post above the support surface. Hummell elements 36 and 38 do not encircle element 32; see FIG. 1.

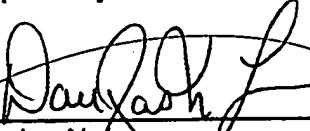
Claim 346 is allowable dependent claim 275, written in independent format.

Concluding Remarks

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned counsel at (213) 689-5142 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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